



SAN DIEGO COUNTY INDIAN GAMING LOCAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE

Application Form For FY 2013-2014 Grants

- A. Name of Jurisdiction: City of El Cajon Fire Department
- B. Mailing Address of Jurisdiction: 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon CA 92020

- C. Name of Project: Portable Radio Replacement
- D. Impacts are associated with which casino(s)? Barona, Sycuan and Viejas
- E. The following uses are the priorities for receipt of grant money.
Please check all the priorities the project satisfies:

Law Enforcement	Fire Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Medical Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Impacts	Water Supplies	Waste Disposal
Behavioral Health	Public Health	Planning and Adjacent Land Uses
Roads	Recreation and Youth Programs	Child Care Programs

F. On a separate sheet, please provide the following:

- 1) A complete description of the project;
- 2) Evidence showing the relationship between the project and impacts on your jurisdiction associated with the particular casino(s) listed under "D" above, and data linking the percentage of the requested funding to the percentage of impacts associated with particular casinos (include the data source); and
- 3) An explanation of how the proposed project will mitigate impacts of casino(s).

AB 2515 (2012) amended Government Code Section 12715(b)(1)(A) establishing all application policies and procedures for grants from the Individual Tribal Casino Account or County Tribal Casino Account. *Each grant application shall clearly show how the grant will mitigate the impact of the casino on the grant applicant.* Maps, tables, data and/or a descriptions should be attached to this application to provide an explanation and documentation for the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee. This information is necessary for the IGLCBC to review and to make a determination of how the grant mitigates proportional share and compliance with all requirements established in Government Code Section 12715(b)(1)(A).

G. Type of grant for which you are applying: (Check each that applies)

1. **60% Nexus Grant (note that only County of San Diego Offices and Departments are eligible for this type of grant)¹** _____
2. **20% Non-Nexus Grant** X

These "20% Non-Nexus Grants" are intended only for local jurisdictions (County, cities and special districts) impacted by Barona and/or Sycuan Casinos.

3. **20% Non-Nexus Grant** X

These "20% Non-Nexus Grants" are intended for local jurisdictions (County, cities and special districts) impacted by casinos of Tribes NOT paying into the Special Distribution Fund² and for assistance to local jurisdictions for one-time large capital projects.

H. What is the project's estimated time frame? Within 8 to 12 months

- I. Proportionate share of the project expenditure that mitigates the impact from the casino(s): 10%

¹ County of San Diego is the only "local government jurisdiction" that meets two or more nexus criteria.

² Campo, La Jolla (proposed), La Posta, Pala, Pauma, Rincón, San Pasqual, Santa Ysabel and Viejas Bands.

- J. Amount of funding requested through this application: \$ 65,000.00
- K. What will be the total cost of the project? \$ 650,000.00
- L. If total cost of the project exceeds amount of funding requested, please name other sources of funding that will be contributed to the project and the amount provided by each source: City of El Cajon Information Technology Fund
\$585,000.00
- M. On a separate sheet, please describe how you intend to meet the requirement that grant recipients must provide notice to the public, either through a slogan, signage or other mechanism, which states that the project has received funding from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund and further identifies the particular Individual Tribal Casino Account from which the grant derives.

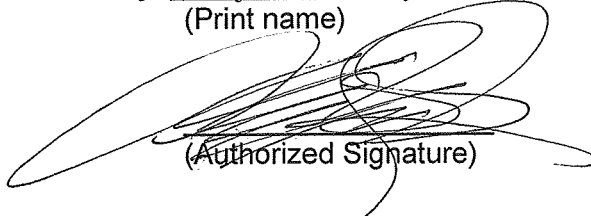
Please e-mail the complete Application to Eric.Lardy@sdcounty.ca.gov **AND** hand-deliver or mail a copy with the page containing the original Authorized Signature to the following address by **March 26, 2014**.

County of San Diego
Attn. Mr. Eric Lardy
1600 Pacific Highway
Room 212, MS A6
San Diego, CA 92101

I, MAJED AL-GHAFRY, hereby acknowledge that the grant funds requested herein shall be used solely for the purpose that to the best of my knowledge mitigates impacts from casino projects. In compliance with AB 158, I agree to ensure that all grant funds received shall be deposited in a separate interest-bearing account; and at the completion of the project, I agree to return any earned interest or cost savings from the project to the County for reallocation by the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee.

Submitted by: Majed Al-Ghafry
(Print name)

Title: Assistant City Manager


(Authorized Signature)

Date: March 7, 2014

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ATTACHMENT: F1,F2, & F3

Executive Summary

The City of El Cajon is requesting consideration of a grant in the amount of \$65,000 towards the purchase of sixty 800 MHz portable radios (total cost of radios: \$650,000). Our goal for this grant funding is to replace existing portable radios that are being phased out by the manufacturer and will become obsolete within the next 18 months. Upgrading our radios will ensure continued interoperability with the tribes of Barona, Sycuan, and Viejas.

The City of El Cajon Fire Department responds to over 11,500 emergency calls per year and protects a population of approximately 105,000 citizens. Many of these responses are for emergency medical services, providing care for victims of vehicle accidents who may be traveling on one of the multitude of roads through El Cajon that lead to the gaming venues. Some of these responses are to provide emergency services to the visitors and employees of the local casinos, shops, and restaurants associated with the three casinos.

In addition to patrons traveling through the City of El Cajon, the tribal nations of Barona, Sycuan and Viejas participate in the automatic aid agreement for sharing of emergency resources. This agreement allows for a closest unit concept, regardless of political jurisdiction. This means that El Cajon resources will provide emergency response support automatically to tribal lands whenever needed.

While the impact from the local Gaming Industry can be felt within the City of El Cajon, our commitment to provide assistance extends beyond our borders. Last year, the El Cajon Fire Department responded to 11 incidents within the boundaries of local tribal lands.

Agency Profile

The City of El Cajon is a suburban community located 15 miles east of San Diego. Home to over 105,000 residents and 8,200 businesses, El Cajon is the economic and governmental hub of Eastern San Diego County. Businesses include aerospace and commercial manufacturing, large retail shopping centers, small family owned businesses and a large criminal and civil courts complex. Three major freeways traverse the City: Interstate 8, State Highway 125 and State Highway 67 account for hundreds of thousands of vehicle trips per day. The San Diego Trolley offers service to the El Cajon Transit Center, a major mass transit hub in the east county. Across the

street from the transit center is the Casino Connection; this location offers bus service to and from Harrah's Rincon, Pechanga, Sycuan, Valley View and Viejas casinos hourly. El Cajon is also home to the fourth busiest airport in San Diego County. Tribal lands of the Barona, Sycuan, and Viejas Indians lie to the east and north of El Cajon. Interstate 8, State Highway 67, Second Street and Washington Boulevard all host the thousands of cars, buses and motorcycles that make their daily trips to visit the casinos.

Tribal Casino Impact

The City of El Cajon experiences impacts from the casinos operated by the Barona Band of Mission Indians, the Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Indians, and the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians. These impacts include responses to medical emergencies, vehicle accidents and vehicle fires associated with people traveling to and from the casinos and to the many employees of the casinos that call El Cajon their home. While no absolute statistics exist on the exact number of incidents related to the gaming casinos, it is important to note that calls for emergency service in El Cajon have risen 37% over the last ten years, from 8,000 to 11,500, while the actual population growth has been less than 5%. While not all of this increase can be attributed to the casinos, it is reasonable to expect that at least a third of the 3,500 call increase for emergency services is related to gaming establishments.

Also, as a member of the Central Zone Emergency Response Mutual Aid Agreement, the El Cajon Fire Department works in conjunction with adjoining departments to provide automatic services to the tribal community. Automatic aid agreements expand the responsibility of the El Cajon Fire Department beyond the normal city limits. Barona, Sycuan, Viejas, Alpine, Lakeside and San Miguel all receive support from the El Cajon Fire Department when their resources are committed to incidents related to casino operations.

The City is also proud to be the home to the Heartland Communications Fire Authority and the Heartland Fire Training facility. The Heartland Communications Fire Authority currently provides for emergency dispatching of the Barona, Sycuan and Viejas Fire Departments. The Heartland Fire Training Facility serves as the primary training facility for personnel and equipment from the Barona and Viejas Fire departments. The ability to have interoperable communications and shared training with these departments and El Cajon improves our emergency operations and personnel interactions when responding to incidents with our neighbors to the East and North.

Use of Funds

Utilizing a competitive bid process to ensure cost effectiveness, The El Cajon Fire Department will use this grant funding, along with internal funding, towards the purchase of 800 MHz portable radios. The ability to have updated and reliable communication equipment will directly benefit the patrons of the casinos, as well as the residents of tribal lands.

Fiscal Need

Several economic factors have directly impacted the City of El Cajon over the past several years, resulting in millions of dollars of lost revenue. Some of this lost revenue is due to the loss of state funding, the reduction in Medicare reimbursements to EMS provider agencies and the general economy. These budget challenges directly affect our ability to fully fund portable radio replacement.

M. SB 621 Notice Requirement

To accommodate the requirements of SB621, The City of El Cajon will do the following:

1. A press release will be distributed by the City's Public Information Officer to various media sources.
2. This same press release will be posted on the City's intranet website (internal) and on the City's website for the public to view.
3. The City will arrange for a recognition ceremony with the City and Tribal leaders which will also include the local media.